

it served. Early on, the Stewarts relied on the assistance of several local women to create the weekly Orfordville Journal. The labor was painstaking and slow—all of the typesetting was completed by hand, letter by letter, and pages were printed using hand-rollers.

When the newspaper added the Footville News section in 1925, the Stewarts upgraded to a linotype typesetting machine to speed production and accommodate the growing territory. Rose Stewart typically ran the linotype with her son, George, by her side, sleeping in a cradle, and as he got older, standing by in a playpen. At age 8, George had already written his first story. When he later entered journalism school at the University of Wisconsin, he found himself firmly upon the path to a career in the newspaper industry.

George Stewart and his wife, Betty, eventually succeeded his parents as owners of the Journal-News. George and Betty ushered the Journal-News into the 21st century with modern, computer-aided production processes; even so, the paper never lost its community focus and homegrown appeal. I commend the Stewarts on their service to their community and look forward to their new venture, an online Orfordville area news website.

**A TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM CLAY, SR.: A CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER, GREAT LEGISLATOR AND A PERMANENT PART OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL LANDSCAPE**

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William Clay, Sr., my father, and a former United States Congressman from the 1st Congressional District in St. Louis, Missouri. Bill Clay has fought a long and historic battle in defense civil and human rights for all Americans throughout his life. His dedication and service to our Nation as a leader on education, labor rights and civil rights, aptly earns his place in the Missouri Walk of Fame and the privilege of being honored today before Congress.

William Lacy Clay, Sr. one of six children was born on April 30, 1931, in St. Louis, Missouri to Luella Hyatt and Irving Clay. He is happily married to his wife of 55 years Carol, and they have raised three children, Vicki, Michelle and William, Jr.

When Bill Clay was elected to Congress in 1968, he was the first African American member elected from Missouri and one of only two African American representatives from states west of the Mississippi River. Throughout his 16 terms in Congress, he gained a reputation as an effective legislator. A staunch advocate for civil rights and social justice, he also served as one of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus. From 1991 to 1995 he chaired the House Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service and served as the Ranking Member on the Education and the Workforce Committee until he retired.

His success can largely be attributed to his belief that there were no permanent friends or permanent enemies in politics, just permanent interests. He was a true advocate for the people

that he represented, and he served them well. He's been credited with turning back racial discrimination throughout his career and remains an outspoken leader in our community. An accomplished author, he has documented the history of not only St. Louis, but the political arena throughout the Civil Rights era up to and including the present.

He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised, always seeking to give them a voice in Congress. During his tenure he authored the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Act, which provided \$375 million in federal loan guarantees for construction and renovation projects at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and played a key role in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, including efforts to reduce early grade class sizes by hiring 100,000 teachers nationwide.

Throughout his illustrious Congressional career, Clay co-sponsored 3,403 bills, of which 279 were enacted. Of the 248 bills that he sponsored, 16 were enacted. Bill Clay was the key sponsor of the transcendent Family and Medical Leave Act, the first bill signed into law by President Bill Clinton. This bill helped change the life of American families. He was instrumental in passing the Hatch Act which reformed the political activities of federal employees.

He continues to contribute to the American political landscape through his work as a successful author. He has authored several works including Just Permanent Interests: Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1991 (1992), which many view as essential American political reading. He continues to be a wonderful husband, loving father, and grandfather.

Madam Speaker, my father is my hero and I am proud to salute him for his lasting contributions to both our local St. Louis community and to our Nation. His outstanding leadership and sincere commitment to justice make him more than worthy of receiving our recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Former Congressman William Clay, Sr. for his induction into the Missouri Walk of Fame and his legacy of serving our Nation.

**HONORING MICHAEL CASHIN**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Cashin of Platte City, Missouri. Michael is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Cashin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**TRIBUTE TO DAVID REHBEIN**

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Rehbein of Ames, Iowa, on being elected as the new national commander of The American Legion.

The American Legion is the United States' largest veterans organization. David is a member of the Ames Post No. 37. He is a U.S. Army veteran who served as an infantryman with the 4th and 1st Armored Divisions in Germany in 1970–1971. In July, David retired from the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Laboratory as a research metallurgist. He has served on the Iowa Commission on Veterans Affairs and represented Iowa on The American Legion's National Executive Committee.

I commend David Rehbein on his courageous service to our nation and for the many contributions he has made to the State of Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent David in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best serving in his new position.

**TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY "DOTTIE" JOHNSON**

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson on the occasion of her retirement from the United States Postal Service, South Florida District. Dottie will retire as manager of diversity development, and can look back on a proud career of service and distinction in community leadership.

A native Miamian, Dottie attended Miami Northwestern Senior High School where she graduated with several honors and awards. In order to further her education, she attended Miami Dade College majoring in criminology, postal management and public administration. In May 1996, she was trained and certified as a Federal mediator. In 1997, she completed several business courses at the University of Michigan. In October 2000, she was trained and certified as a global career development facilitator. In 2001, she was trained and certified as a county mediator. In October 2003, she was trained and certified as an organizational development practitioner.

She complemented her educational achievements with her involvement in various organizations such as the Florida Minority Business Council Inc.; Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP; South Florida Federal Executive Board Diversity Council; South Florida Federal Executive Board; South Florida Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.; Excel Academy Inc.; Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc.; The Historic Hampton House Community Trust, Inc.; North Dade Federal Community Development Credit Union; UP-PAC; Broward County Business and Professional Women's Network; and mentor at North Dade Middle School and Nathan B. Young Elementary.

Dottie has lectured to various audiences and has served as an instructor, facilitator and